

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on June 13, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.. Present were Mark Manning, Don Peters and Karen Rhodes. Bob Foley was absent. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator was also present as well as Brenda Kasani, Michael Manhan and Chris Herron.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Don moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2018 meeting.

All Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brenda Kasani was present to discuss why she has a 2 minimum monthly charge. She states that she does not have income producing property in her basement, however, the person living there pays for utilities. She has 4 bedrooms upstairs and downstairs 1 bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. She also has a separate entrance to the basement.

Brenda stated that she had called Rita numerous times from December through May with no return call. Rita stated that she had talked to Brenda during that time period and also sent correspondence to her trying to explain why she is billing 2 minimums.

Brenda wanted to know how she could get out of the two minimums. It was explained that she would have to remove the kitchen. She wants to just take out the stove then it won't be an apartment. It was explained to her that taking out the stove would not satisfy the rule. Karen explained that since it has all the features of an apartment she should either charge rent or have the renter pay the water bill.

Discussion then began concerning the water line she extended to her "amish cabin" last summer. With the 2 dwellings in the house as well as the extension of water and sewer to the cabin she should be paying 3 minimums per month. She insists that she doesn't use the water to the cabin and come to find out the water line is extended on top of the ground rather than buried underground. Reasoning for this is that water extended on the ground could cause a back flow problem to the water system. Whether she is using the water and/or the sewer she must pay the minimum for the cabin along with the 2 minimums in the house. Andy try talking to Brenda again to help her understand the

rules. Rita will e-mail her the zoning definitions, rules and regulations and account history.

Chris Herron is a neighbor of Brenda's and was there to state that she has never received a phone call from Rita. She stated her neighbor's water bill is always lower than hers. Andy will check her meter and Rita will send him the account history of her account.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Engineer's Report–Summit Avenue/Water Tank.** Shari sent an attached e-mail stating that the project is fairly complete. We do not have an invoice at this time, however, we may have to have a special meeting to approve the final bill to LHC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Rita stated that she would be retiring in June, 2019, Ruth stated that she will resign at that point also.

A. **Financial Statements.** Rita presented the Financial statements for month ending 5/31/2018.

B. **Bills.** The Unpaid Bills Report was presented.

Don moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to approve payment of the bills totaling \$19,238.94.

All Aye.

C. **Correspondence.**

D. **Delinquents.** The delinquent list was presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andy presented his Manager's Report for May 10 through today.

Andy reported that he got a bad water sample at Mackinaw Estates. He had thought he

had it under control with the construction and chlorine running during construction. He has turned the chlorination back on temporarily and flush out the lines. Hopefully this will solve the bacti problem.

Andy reported that the property located at 218 School Addition Road would want to be connecting sewer to 4 lots. Water is not available at this time. They will be required to install a main extension to these lots.

Karen moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to approve Andy sending a "Will Serve" letter with the requirement that they also sign a Waiver of Protest stating that upon water service is available they will have to connect to the water main.

All Aye.

Andy talked with the new owners of 2 or 3 lots up by the new tank land. They will be higher in elevation than the proposed tank. Andy has suggested that we allow them a variance to drill a well as the only other option is to put in a booster station for the water from the tank to serve them. The booster station is not a good option and the state of Montana is not in favor of having booster pumps within the system.

Referring to the former Coughlin property, now the Llewellyn property from last month....Andy has re-read the rules for water connection. Last month they wanted to connect a trailer to the abandoned service line and were refused unless they paid the plant investment fee. Andy realized that the trailer could be connected by the house water to extend to the trailer. They would not have to pay the plant investment fees but they would need to pay 2 minimums per month. Andy will contact them for this discussion.

Being no further business.

Don moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m..

Minutes approved at the July 11, 2018 meeting: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

